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A WOULD-BE IMITATOR OF HOBSON.

DEMOCRACY—"If I could only get this big bag of gas loose I would try and float the old wreck."

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THE DEMOCRATS are viewing Colonel Roosevelt with alarm.

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MOST OF US live for the sole purpose of making our beloved physicians rich.

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THE GREAT CRIME of Dreyfus, in the view of the French army, is the fact of his innocence.

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WHEN BROTHER FLOWER thinks of the silver business he goes right off and plays golf and kills the caddie.

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THE QUESTION has arisen whether George Dewey is a Republican or a Democrat. For our part, we have no doubt of it.

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BOTH ENGLAND and Russia want the whip hand in China, but the emperor is quite convinced that the dowager empress has it.

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THEY TELL of an Arkansas man who swallowed a copper cent by mistake. We could have sworn that that was the very cause of it.

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OF COURSE we can lose Shakespeare, as somebody suggests; but the hole he drops through will be so large that there will be no room for anybody on the outside of it.

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DOCTOR DEPEW was kissed by a Lenox girl for his success in auctioning off a toy ship. "Bring me a fleet of them," says the doctor laconically. "I couldn't need a fleet more if I were the government of Spain."

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THE KENTUCKY REGIMENT that had two daughters thereby got itself into such a tremendous quarrel that it must disband or die by duel to the last officer and private. It is a Kentucky feud, with women at the bottom of it, and no interested man survives that.

A GREAT CONSOLATION.

MRS. JOHNSON—"Did yo' heah de news, Mrs. Jackson? Abe Lincoln wuz shot an' killed las' night w'ilst robbin' 'Squire Henry's chicken-coop."

MRS. JACKSON—"Oh, Mrs. Johnson! whad a consolation it mus' be toe his po' ole mudder toe know dat Abe got religion, wuz baptized, an' j'ined de chu'ch, las' Sunday."

A GREAT NATIONAL DANGER.

THE ELECTION of Judge van Wyck would mean a tremendous effort by Tammany hall to get possession of the general government. Judge van Wyck might be the choice of Tammany for president. He says he voted for Bryan and is proud of it. Whether Bryan or van Wyck were the candidate the danger would be the same.

THE SAME OLD FIGHT.

BEAR IN MIND that the Democrats and nondescripts of every western and southern state are openly for silver, and that those eastern Democratic conventions which have failed to indorse the Chicago platform have done so only after very hard fights. Next year and in nineteen hundred every Democratic flag will fly for free silver, and probably for Bryan, if not for Judge van Wyck.

KING CROKER.

IT IS CURIOUS that of several Democrats who wanted to head the ticket in this state not one was found available, while the one selected accepts the danger at great personal sacrifice of choice and money. Give one man the power that ought to belong to a convention and what a tyrant he becomes! And let no Democrat who wants office try to get it openly and like a man, but secretly and like a sneak.

TWO AMERICAN PRINCES.

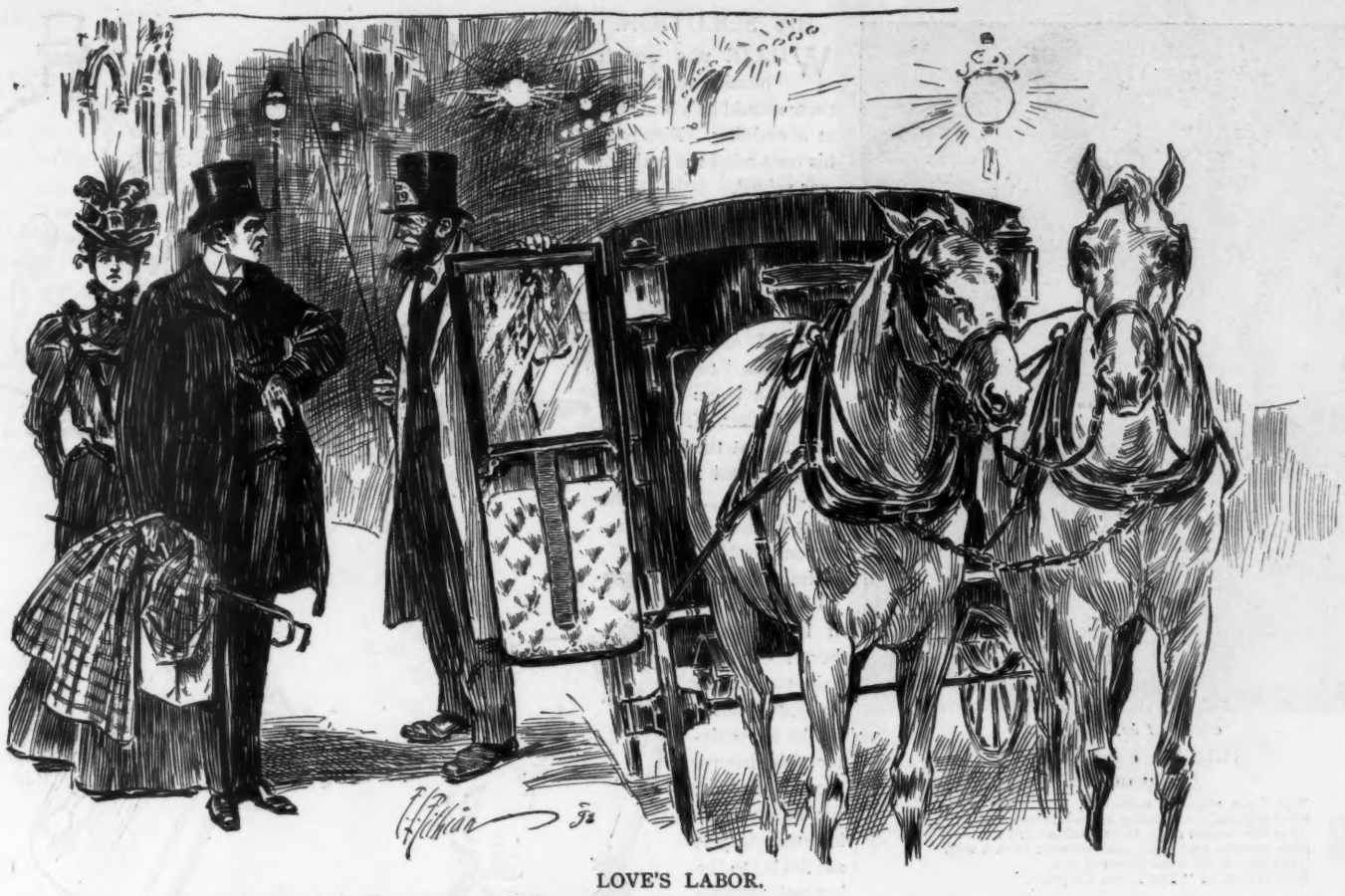
PRINCE JOHN, son of President van Buren, was at home in any company. The boys liked him, the bar liked him; he was forcible on the stump and the platform, and society met him with open palm. He is said to have been the only American who ever danced with Queen Victoria. Prince Roosevelt is equally happy, with the exception that there has been no queen convenient for him to dance with.

HOW TO MARRY.

SARAH GRAND tells at great length how girls should pick out husbands, and warns them to beware especially of glib, agreeable scamps. She ought to be competent to give advice in these matters. She picked out one husband, and shortly after the marriage the two were separated. But such advice is always thrown away. Every girl knows the man she wants, herself, and she would have him if she knew in advance that the result would be the utmost misery.

REVIVAL OF A SNAKE.

THE TERM "The scandalous abuse by the president of the power of appointment" finds its way in various shapes to a number of Democratic platforms. Is it honestly believed that it can hurt the president or his party? Consider the consummate wisdom of the president in every move he has made, and the fact that the government of Spain was whipped within a hundred days, with all the glory and value that that brings to the United States. No; it will be found, as it was once before, that copperheadism doesn't pay.



LOVE'S LABOR.

ELOPER (*amazed*)—"Wh-a-a-t! no hack charges?"
HACK-DRIVER (*under orders*)—"Naw, sir; the young lady's father pays. Drive you back to receive his blessing, sir?"

REFLECTIONS OF A SPINSTER.

IN THE matrimonial deck the queen is more often paired with the knave than with the king.

Tears are more powerful with a lover than a club can ever hope to be with a husband.

A man who expects to do all his wife's thinking might as well marry a fool.

Married women will sob out their unhappiness on a girl's shoulder and the next week ask her why she doesn't get married.

His sympathy is the most dangerous gift a man can offer a woman.

Womankind suffers from three delusions: marriage will reform a man, a rejected lover is heart-broken for life, and if the other woman were only out of the way he would come back.

A man will make a comrade of the woman who stimulates him to higher achievement; he will love the one who makes herself a mirror for his vanity.

MYRTLE REED.

THE NEW CANDIDATE.

"WHAT'S the record of this man you ask me to vote for?"

"He killed three Spaniards and has two Mauser-bullet wounds."

OLD SONGS.

IN FOREIGN lands I hear them sung,
My songs, by lips unseen;
I hear them over waters dark
While oceans roll between.

Far from the home of youth and love,
Their music brings to me
The thought of things that lived before,
The hope of things to be.

Oh, Alice dear, and rare Ben Bolt!
I dream with every line
Of mournful eyes that said good-bye,
In years agone lang syne.

Voice of the people, in my heart
At each refrain I pause,
And wish that I could make the songs,
While others make the laws.

JOHN JAMES MEEHAN.

SPOILED HIS CANDIDACY.

Mrs. Barrenlands (in Kansas)—"So you got the nomination for the legislature? I thought Thistlefields was workin' hard for it."

Barrenlands—"He was, but I took a lung-tester right inter the caucus and challenged him to a caucus on the thing. That settled his case. Why, that feller couldn't blow a candle out without gettin' within two feet of it."

HELD IN RESERVE.

PHILANTHROPIST—"And have you anything laid by for a rainy day?"
PAT DUCY—"A whole quart, sor; an' it's a glorious drunk Oi'll hov th' foorst day it's too wet to worruk."

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

LULU GLASER.

You, Lulu, are one of the few,
So changefully charming in each thing you do,
That few would twig, in this school-girl rig,
Sans powder and paint, and without even a wig,
That *this* is the same identical gal
Who is half of "The Little Corporal."

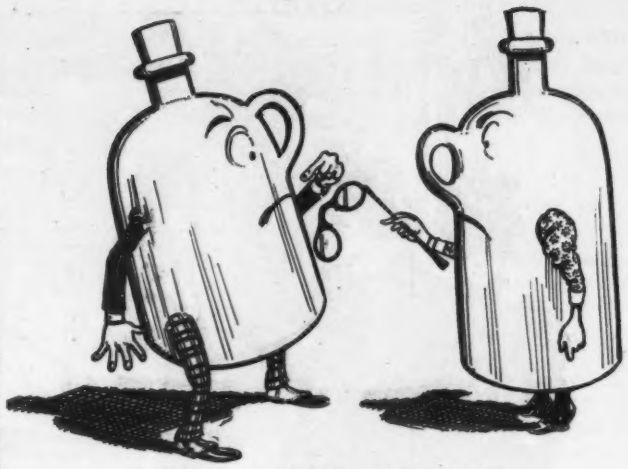
HIS SOLUTION.

WILLIE was greatly puzzled as to why there should be a best man at a wedding. Finally to his own mind the problem was solved.

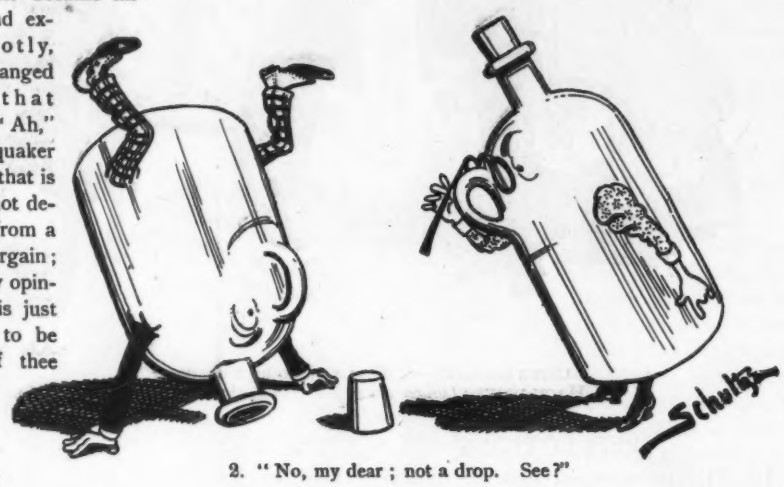
"It's so if the groom backs out there'll be some one to take his place."

LOGIC.

A MILD old quaker once wished to effect the sale of a horse to a rich New-Yorker. The latter didn't want the beast and said so; still the quaker urged him. At last the New-Yorker became impatient and exclaimed hotly, "I'll be hanged if I buy that horse." "Ah," said the quaker dryly, "if that is all, let it not deter thee from a good bargain; for, in my opinion, thee is just as likely to be hanged if thee doesn't."



1. "Jugletts, you've been drinking again."



2. "No, my dear; not a drop. See?"

THE VOICE OF APPREHENSION.

ONCE upon a time there died a lady, and while the funeral procession was going to the cemetery by some mishap the pall-bearers, with the casket on their shoulders, stumbled and fell. The jolt brought the deceased back to life (Ah, how many are buried prematurely no one knows!) and she lived in her old home for seven years, the wonder of the neighborhood.

At length, however, she again fell sick and died, and again the sad procession wended its way toward the last resting-place of mortal flesh. As they reached the spot where years before the mishap had occurred the stricken husband went forward, his drawn face showing plainly to his pitying friends the emotion under which he labored. Soon he was abreast of the kindly ones who bore his loved one, and in a voice trembling, yet strong, he said,

"Steady, boys, steady!"

SHE WOULD AND SHE WOULDN'T.

"AH, IF I were only a man!" sighed Mrs. Porkby.

"What would you do?" asked Porkby gruffly.

"What—er—well, I wouldn't chew nasty tobacco, any way."

HIS NATURAL INFERENCE.

Young Ikenstein—"Ven I esked old Swindlebaum for his daughter he ordered me to leave der house."

Rozenheimer—"Ish dot so? How did he get on to der fact dot you intended to take der house as vell as der girl?"

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

FAIR SUMMER-BOARDER—"How many bossies have you, Mr. Whiffletree?"
FARMER WHIFFLETREE (*sadly*)—"Four, miss—a wife and three darters."

GOOD DEFINITION.

"WHAT is the meaning of the word insurgent, Tommy?" asked Miss Tome.

"An insurgent," replied Tommy, who had some recent history in his mind, "is a chap who lets his friends do all the fighting."

AN EXPLODED THEORY.

Jaggles—"It is remarkable that a minister could go and get evidence against those gamblers."

Waggles—"It is, indeed, for gamblers are supposed to know a good thing when they see it."

FEARED DEATH.

"AH, YES," moaned Kickly Wheeler, struggling painfully to his feet and contemplating his wheel lying innocently upon the soft sward at the side of the road; "the bicycle has come to stay, but I much fear that I haven't. Wow-w-w!"

FROM THE RURALVILLE *BAZOO*.

WE REGRET to chronicle the fact that the principals in the divorce-suit of Lankins versus Lankins, which has lately been filed over in Allegash county, are our former friends and neighbors, young Ezra P. Lankins and his erstwhile sweetheart, now his wife, she who was little Nellie Short.

Their courtship will be remembered by most of our readers. Nellie is short and plump and Ezra tall and thin, unless their marital woes have changed them since the days, less than two years ago, when they used to stroll along the shady paths of this village. They never seemed happy unless in each other's company, and the oftener they were together the more appearances indicated that they were made for each other. He leaned down toward her till his neck gradually acquired a permanent elbow of the sideways kind, and one shoulder drooped downward while the other rose in proportion. The skin on the outer curve of his neck grew thin with constant stretching, and that on the inside curve became wrinkled and flaccid. Meanwhile his sweetheart acquired a tip-toe habit which never left her, even when she was alone. Soon after their wedding they moved away from here, followed by the predictions of all who had witnessed their courtship that they had passed through the portal into the green pastures of a blissful married life.

And now a divorce is being asked for on the ground of incompatibility of temper. Oscar Wagstaff, who was over there lately and saw both of them several times, says that Ezra has straightened up so that no signs of his former deformity remain, and Nellie walks as flat-footed as a baby elephant. Such, we may philosophically add, is life.

TOM P. MORGAN.

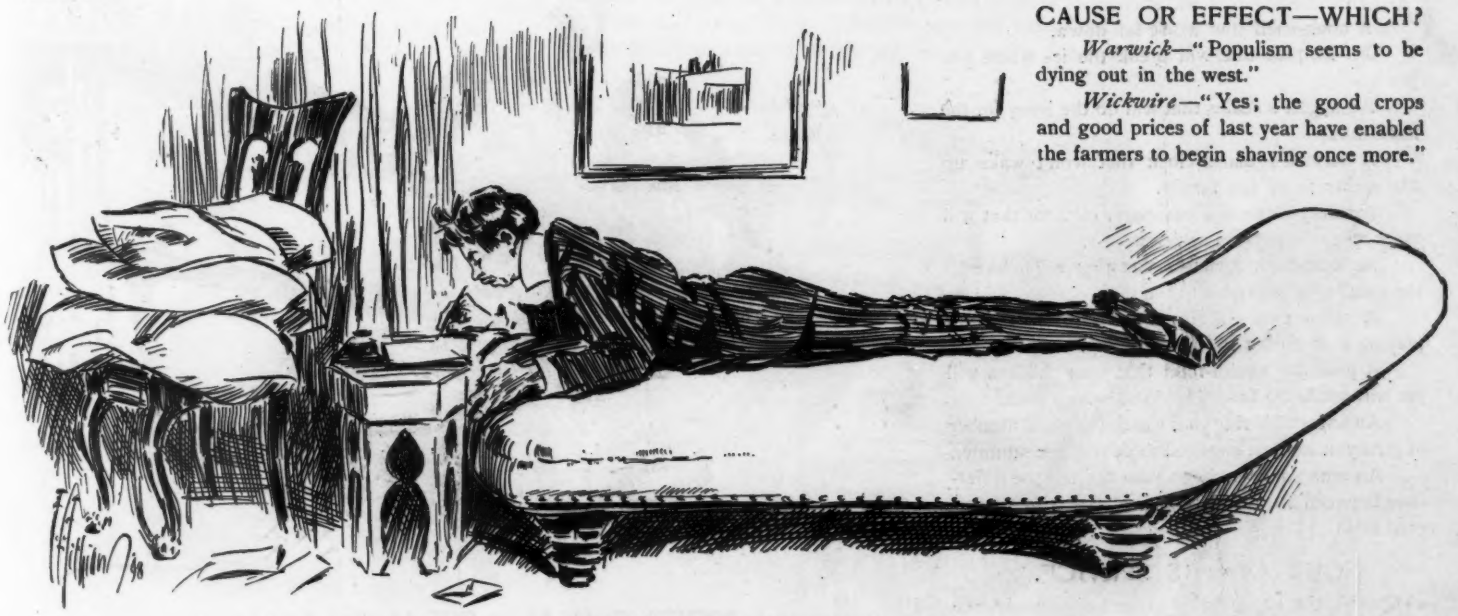
IN THE GUM-TREE.

MR. OPOSSUM—"Are you comfortable, darling?"

CAUSE OR EFFECT—WHICH?

Warwick—"Populism seems to be dying out in the west."

Wickwire—"Yes; the good crops and good prices of last year have enabled the farmers to begin shaving once more."



JUST AN EXPLANATION.

"My dear Mary—I am somewhat indisposed on account of your father's last pressing invitation to leave your lovely presence. But cheer up, love; for I shall be again sitting by your side as soon as I am able. Ever yours, GEORGE."

CHIROMANCY.

"I don't believe in palmistry at all,"
She said that evening when he came to call;
"But since it is an art you understand
I'd really like to have you read my hand."

He scanned her rosy palm with laughing eyes
And slowly answered, feigning sad surprise,
"I hope you will forgive me if I hurt
Your feelings by observing you're a flirt."

She started at the unexpected blow,
Then asked coquettishly, "How do you know?"
"If you were not," he said—"now, am I wrong?—
You would not let me hold your hand so long."

HELEN CHAUNCEY.

IT'S very unfortunate, but those of us who are really happy haven't the power to realize it.

APPRECIATIVE.

RESTFUL REGAN—"We're in luck, Bill. Dis comic paper w'ot some one dropped off a train is just full uv new tramp schemes fer us ter work."

A NEAT DEVICE.

JAKEY ISAACS—"Fadder, can I go out unt play?"
MR. ISAACS—"Yes, Shakey; certainly you can. Shust take dese five-cent neckties unt shtand on der corner unt sell dem two for a kavorter, unt play dot you vas Russell Sage."

A FAIR ARCHER.

SHE made a failure of the game. You see
She's quite petite—weighs ninety pounds or so—
And when she joined the group at archery
She was not strong enough to bend her bow.

But she has strength that may not be displayed—
I am her chosen sweetheart, and I know.
She can by smile or soft hand lightly laid
To every whim capricious bend her beau.

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

SOME NEEDED INVENTIONS.

A BIKE-LAMP that will stay lit.

A book-shelf that won't fall down.

An ice-pick that will break the ice where you jab it.

An angler's scales that will do the lying for the fisherman.

A servant's alarm-clock that won't wake up the members of the family.

A safety-catch in a passenger elevator that will work when there is an accident.

An automatic peach-basket that will make all the small peaches come to the top.

A piano that will sound the same to the girl playing it as it does to the neighbors.

A palatable health-food that your children will eat without being forced to do so with a stick.

An adjustable ring that will fit the usual number of girls you become engaged to during the summer.

An ambulance-surgeon who can tell the difference between a drunken man and one with a fractured skull.

J. J. O'CONNELL.

OUT OF THE SERVICE.

"SO YOUR engagement to the Lafayette-avenue millionaire's daughter is off, eh?"

"Yes; I've been mustered out."

THE MATTER WITH HIM.

Little Clarence—"At school this afternoon, when Johnny Squanch was reciting his piece, he said, 'Dare to harm but one head of that poor girl's hair and the last moment shall be your next.'"

Mr. Callipers—"H'm! What caused him to get mixed up in that manner?"

Little Clarence—"Why, he has lost a front tooth, and I guess the wrong words leaked out of the hole before it was their regular turn."

SOCIETY NOTE FROM THE GOBBLE ISLANDS.

"Mr. and Mrs. Umbjji will give a German this evening to a select few of their friends, at their residence on the heights."

HE WANTED TO KNOW.

THE Little Zion congregation was not rich in this world's goods. The church was a small wooden building, heated by stoves and lighted by kerosene-lamps placed in brackets along the walls. But a time came when the members of the flock began to see the need of improvements. The younger members in particular objected to the scanty illumination. The Baptist church across the way had a beautiful chandelier, and why should not Little Zion have one too. So the young people appealed to the pastor, and he brought the matter before the congregation at the next business meeting.

"I have been requested," he said, "to speak to the congregation about the purchase of a chandelier for our house of worship. I am sure it will only be necessary to mention this, as you can all readily see that a handsome chandelier would be both useful and ornamental. Now who will start a subscription for this purpose?"

After waiting in vain for some one to volunteer, the pastor turned to Deacon Silas Barlow, more familiarly known as Uncle Si.

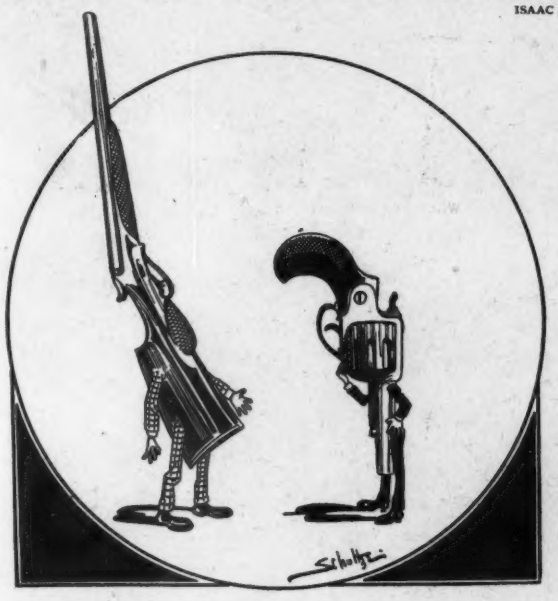
"Deacon Barlow," he said, "you are the richest man in the congregation. I am sure you will not refuse to give five dollars for such a praiseworthy object."

Uncle Si hesitated a moment, and then pulled out a huge leather wallet and extracted a five-dollar bill from its interior. "I hain't got no objection," he remarked, "to givin' five dollars to'ards gittin' a chandelier, but what I want to know is who's goin' to play the dum thing."

ISAAC ANDERSON.

VICE VERSA.

PLESIOSAURUS—"I've got to stop drinking these glacial cocktails."
PTERODACTOODLE—"Why so, old snake?"
PLESIOSAURUS—"They are playing the deuce with my nerves. I keep seeing little red and green men all the time."



"Hello, Gunnie! What's the matter—lost your job?"
"Yes; I got fired this morning."

THE USUAL THING.

"JONKS is going to Klondike for the purpose of obtaining wealth enough to enable him to travel in Europe for his health."

"Why, there isn't anything the matter with his health, is there?"

"Not now; but there will be by the time he gets back from Klondike."

A NATIONAL EXPLOSION.

Spanish tax-payer—"But we were told last spring that the United States was on the eve of dissolution; that the southern confederacy was about to be revived; that the populists were on the point of rebellion; that Coxey was ready to march into Washington, and that the Indians and Anneke Jans heirs would soon be in insurrection—in short, we were told that the American republic was about to fly to pieces."

Returned naval officer—"Well, if you had been on our ships you would have been safe in saying that the whole blamed yankee nation flew to pieces, if ever a country did."

A STRANGE CASE.

THE COURT—"But is not this prisoner—why did—ahem!—did you find it necessary to use so much force in"——

THE OFFICER—"Thim injuries is silf-inflicted, yer anner. Oi seen him in the par-rk buttin' his head agin wan lamp-posht an' yillin' 'Well putt I' an' thin runnin' to another posht an' repatin' the operashun, an' Oi tuk him in, though he sed he was a golf-ball, an' had only four more holes to go."

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UNCLE SAM "HAS TR

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S TROUBLES OF HIS OWN."

1. "Nope. He isn't much to look at, but he's the most obedient dog you ever saw. Why, see ——

OF SPIRITS.

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Dear, I met a lot of people at the lecture to-day who believe in spirits."

Mr. Hohmboddie—"What sort of spirits?"

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"You know very well I don't mean *that* sort of spirits, and you needn't try to be funny."

Mr. Hohmboddie—"Some persons I know are funny without trying."

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Or you imagine they are. But, oh, dear me! I don't see how any one can have such a strange sort of faith. To believe that spirits exist after death!"

IN LONESOMEHURST.

DOBSON—"So the factional fight is on again in the first Baptist church?"
HOBSON—"Yes; half the congregation are opposed to the new pastor."
DOBSON—"What has he been doing?"
HOBSON—"Pleasing the other half."

Mr. Hohmboddie—"My dear girl, I hope we all believe that."

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Yes, but I am so terribly afraid of them—the very thought frightens me—and it does you, too; I know it does."

Mr. Hohmboddie (philosophically)—"Still, if you exist after death you'll be a spirit—no escape for you."

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Please don't, John; you make the cold shivers run down my back."

Mr. Hohmboddie—"Why, my dear, where is your logic? Either you cease to exist, or"——

Mrs. Hohmboddie—"Yes, of course. But, oh, if I ever do become a spirit I hope I shall never know it, because I should be just scared to death of myself."

M. S. BRIDGES.

HALLOWEEN.

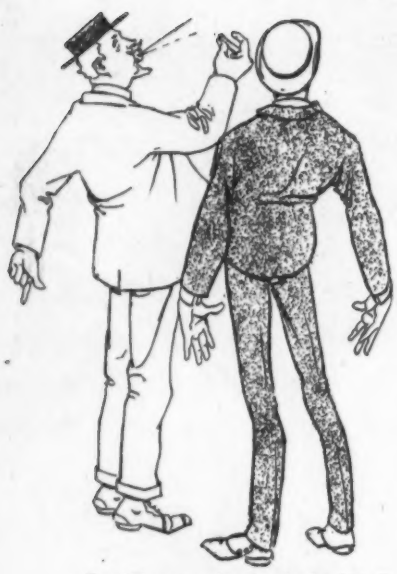
HE DIED and went to paradise
One morning long ago,
But pined to visit once again
The scenes he left below:
The cottage hidden in its vines,
The chimney's ruddy blaze,
The windy woods and purple hills
That rimmed his earthly days.

"O Lord," he prayed, "but let me pass
Once more the gates of gold!
I long to see beneath my feet
The paths I trod of old—
The fields where now the golden-rod
Has stacked its yellow sheaves,
And hollows bright with sumac red,
Or brown with fallen leaves."

"Then each October have thy will,"
He heard the Lord reply,
"But underneath the churchyard stone
The backward way must lie."
So once a year at every hearth
There sits a guest unseen,
A spirit from another world—
And this is halloween.

MINNA IRVING.

2. ——here."



3. "Come on down; that's right."

4. "Here, boy; come back, sir."

5. "Good dog, eh?"

THE OBEDIENT DOG.

She is pretty as an houri, is accomplished out of sight;
Her lips the sacred kisses of a godlet would invite;
Her figure would be envied by that Juno girl of old,
And she's the only heiress to a stack of yellow gold.
But spite of her accomplishments and her attractions rare,
She often feels the arrows from the bow of blank despair.
Her steady is a fellow of a peaceful trend of mind,
And she's ostracized by girlies whom the soldiers left behind.
—*Denver Post.*

Appetite gone? The truant will soon return when Abbott's—The Original Angostura Bitters—are sent to seek it. Take only the genuine—"Abbott's."

The London *Globe* says that Colonel Roosevelt will almost certainly be the next governor of New York state, and predicts what will happen "when this appointment is made." There are no appointments to the gubernatorial chair in New York, dear cousin, but there are many disappointments.—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

The letter "R" doesn't have to figure in the month you drink *Cook's Imperial Champagne* in. It's extra dry and always good.

"You spoke so suddenly, Alfred," the young woman said with downcast eyes, "that I wasn't prepared for it. Perhaps I didn't quite know my own mind. And—and if you should ask me again—some time—I might"—— But Alfred was not to be placated. "I see through your wiles," he responded. "You want me to ask you again, so you can boast that you have rejected two offers of marriage in one season. Well, I'm not going to do it."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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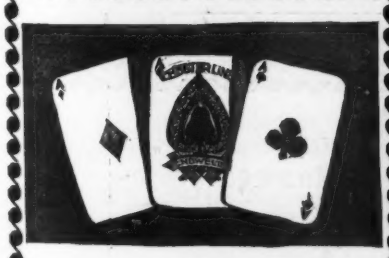

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His daughter had just returned from the young ladies' finishing school at Boston. She found him in his library with bills for gowns and other educational matters piled high in front of him. Beside the bills lay his pocket-book. The bills were all receipted. He picked up the pocket-book and sighed. "Alas!" he said, "I know now why they call it a finishing school." The pocket-book was empty. The last bill for one hundred and eighteen dollars for lessons on the guitar had finished it.—*Chicago Evening Post.*

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How oft deluded people are,
And have been since the fall.
It's the man who really knows the least
That thinks he knows it all,
And the girl who thinks she sings the best
Whose voice is but a squall.
—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

"I understand that our friend now rejoices in the title of colonel." "Yes," replied Major Mott rather disparagingly; "but he had to go to war to get it."—*Washington Star.*

The hero tall both smiled and frowned—
He thought that she had missed him;
But lo! she rushed a ladder round
And mounted it and kissed him.
—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

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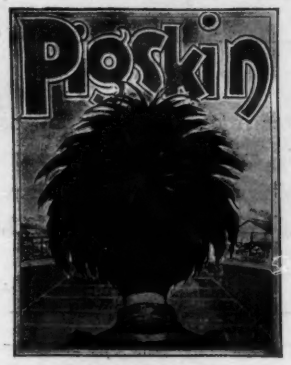

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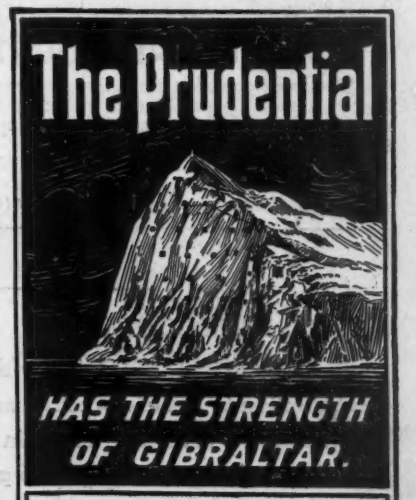

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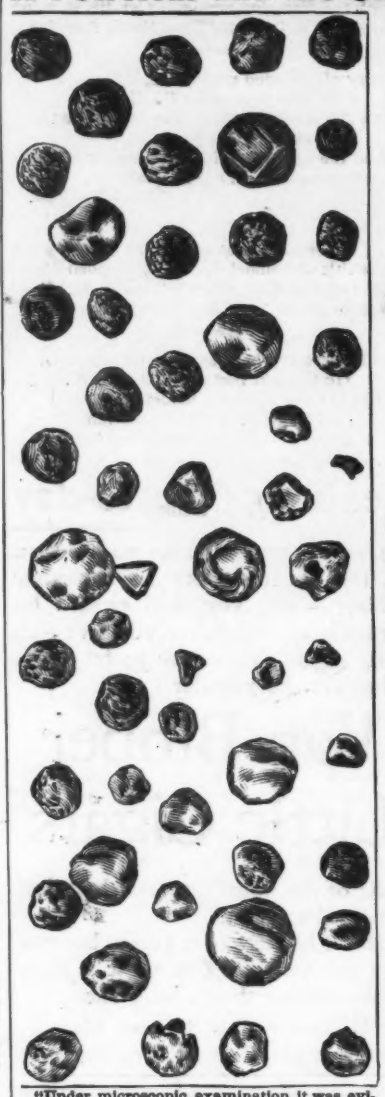

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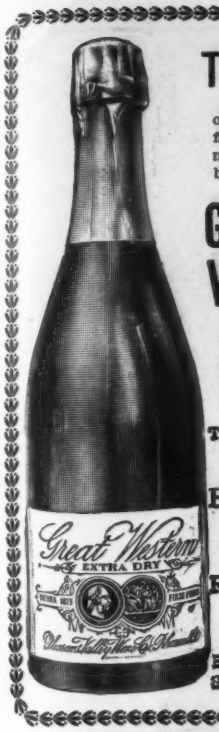

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